

## Hog Island Plant's Cost Is Doubled

Flaw in Contract to Add \$21,000,000 to Expense, Says Witness

## Dredging Needed To Float New Craft

Profits Made on Yards, but Not Intended, Asserts Naval Officer

(Staff Correspondence)

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—How a contract for \$21,000,000 to construct the Hog Island shipbuilding plant contained clauses that if the cost should be greater the company should be paid more, without the slightest checking up by the Emergency Fleet Corporation, was told to the Senate Commerce Committee to-day by Commander P. L. Reed, of the navy, who was plant superintendent at Philadelphia for the Fleet Corporation.

He estimated that the cost for constructing this yard would now run to at least \$42,000,000, and members of the committee, who have been studying the question, say it will not be less than \$50,000,000.

A sidelight which particularly interested the committee in Commander Reed's testimony was that 9,000-ton ships were being constructed at a yard in Bristol, Penn., by the Merchants' Shipbuilding Corporation. These ships, he said, would draw about twenty feet of water. The channel in the Delaware River at this point is seventeen feet deep, and the nearest deep water is that at Philadelphia, twenty-five miles down the river. He testified that considerable dredging probably would be necessary.

Interested in Subletting

The committee manifested lively interest in the subletting of the \$21,000,000 sub-contract. Commander Reed testified that the American International Corporation had sublet the contract for the construction of the shipyard to the American International Shipbuilding Corporation. This was characterized by Senator Nelson as a "dummy" company.

"My understanding had been," Commander Reed testified, "that there should be no profit for any one in the construction of the yard, but that the American International should obtain its profit from the construction of the ships themselves."

Commander Reed brought out that the American International Shipbuilding Corporation, after receiving the contract from the American International Corporation, had sublet further to smaller contractors. The sub-contractors, he said, were being paid on a basis of cost plus 5 per cent.

"That is a way of getting around the understanding that there should be no profit in the construction of the yard, is it not?" asked Senator Vandaman.

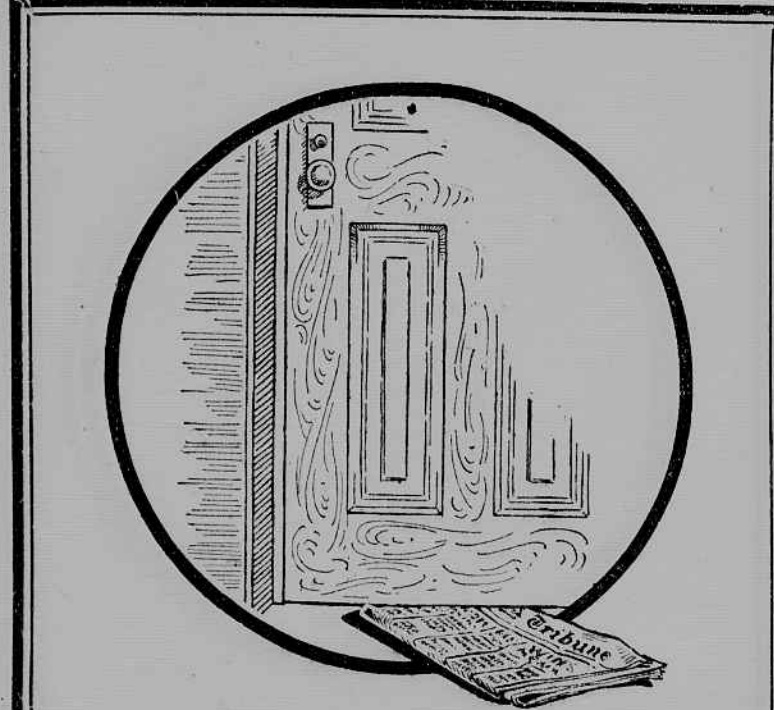
"Yes," said Commander Reed.

Hog Island Well Named

A little later Senator Vandaman, on the floor of the Senate, was asked about another matter; he responded:

"At present I am giving my attention to the Hog Island matter, which is all that its name implies."

It was regarded as a matter to-night that many of the prominent directors for the American International Corporation might be summoned to testify regarding the contract before the committee. They include Pierre N. du Pont, John D. Ryan, Frank A. Vanderbilt, John D. Rockefeller, Jr., Robert Dollar, Stone and Webster, of the firm of the same name, J. O'Brien Armour, Robert S. Lovett, Otto Kahn, Joseph P. Grace and William Woodward.



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## Young American Bags a Boche 'Plane on First Flight as Gunner

Missouri Lieutenant, Inexperienced, Goes in French Raiding Party by Merest Chance—German Topples to Ground in Flames

(By The Associated Press)

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE, Thursday, Feb. 7.—The young American lieutenant who had the honor of shooting down his first German airplane while accompanying a French squadron on a bombing expedition Tuesday night had never operated a machine gun before while in flight and never before had been over the enemy lines. He got his man over the German city of Saarburg.

The bombing squadron was over Saarburg and in the act of dropping bombs when enemy airplanes were seen approaching rapidly. By the time the bomb dropping had been completed the enemy was close at hand, and the French formation which this American and another American aviator had accompanied as gunners was at an altitude of 12,000 feet.

The lieutenant, who is a Missourian, took off his gloves, so that he might operate his machine gun more effectively when he saw an enemy plane driving in from the side and firing its gun. The bullets whizzed close to the French machine before the American, acting as gunner, could get his piece into action.

Enemy Flier Crashes Down

Then he turned a stream of bullets into the enemy, and before the first drum was exhausted the machine he had actually started on one, having come to town from a camp to see a dentist.

The incident shows how quickly things may happen to a flier. The lieutenant, who had no thought of making a fight, until just before he actually started on one, having come to town from a camp to see a dentist.

The officer, who is from Atlanta, after announcing that he was going on a bombing raid over Germany with the French, asked the Missourian to come along and see him off. The Missourian agreed and went to the field.

The Atlantic had climbed into his machine when on one of the French pilots discovered that his observer was missing. Only one suggestion was necessary to cause the Missourian quickly to telephone for and receive permission to go. He explained his inexperience, but the Frenchman said that made no difference. Thus began the flight in which he brought down the German machine.

Bill to Stabilize U. S. Bond Values

House Gets Measure to Protect Securities Against Manipulation

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—A bill to provide against depreciation in market prices of United States bonds, or other securities by artificial causes, was introduced to-day by Representative Hull, of Tennessee, and referred to the Ways and Means Committee.

It proposes to set aside \$60,000,000 as a fund from which, whenever the market prices for the Liberty Bonds fall below the issue price, the Secretary of the Treasury may buy them to stabilize the market.

In an explanatory statement, Representative Hull, who was active in framing the revenue laws, pointed out that in point of safety, and a fair return on the investment, there is not a more desirable investment anywhere to-day than the Liberty 4s, including those into which the 3½ per cent bonds have been converted.

"It is well understood," said Mr. Hull, "that these sales were principally made by subscribers who purchased more than they could carry, and found it advisable and necessary to unload a portion at a discount rather than to undertake to retain them."

"It is obvious that the true capital values of this entire amount of bonds should not be determined or measured by the results of the practically forced sale at a discount of only a very small percentage of these bonds outstanding."

Both England and France have had in operation for some time provisions similar to Mr. Hull's plan.

Broker's Estate Held

By Alien Custodian

All except \$24,500 of the estate of Hugo E. Wasserman, an importer, who committed suicide last Monday by jumping from the eleventh floor of the Sherman Square Hotel, will be held in custody of the Federal Government.

Several Democratic members of the committee, including Chairman Simmons, may file minority views as to the handling of government control, to support the Administration view that there should be no arbitrary limitation of time for government operation.

Among changes made in the bill to-day before the House committee is an amendment directing that until otherwise ordered by the President the operating revenues may be received and expended by the Treasury, but that any net railway operating income in excess of the standard return based on the average income during the three years ending June 30, 1917, shall be paid into the Federal Treasury and placed with the \$500,000,000 revolving fund.

The committee, however, approved an amendment directing that any railway operating income accruing during the period of Federal control in excess of the standard return shall remain the property of the United States.

German Press Mixes Russian Grand Dukes

Reports Aged Constantinovich's Death as That of Former Leader Nicholievitch

LONDON, Feb. 8.—An Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Amsterdam says that the German newspapers report the death of the former Grand Duke Nicholas Constantinovich, as the death of the famous Russian military commander, the Grand Duke Nicholas Nicholievitch, and the "Nachrichten," of Düsseldorf, is quoted as saying that he died suddenly and under mysterious circumstances.

This is not confirmed from Russian sources, which last reported Nicholas Nicholievitch as residing at Yalta, in the Crimea.

Dutch Envoy en Route Here

Will Arrive Tuesday; To Take Up Problems

(Staff Correspondence)

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—Augustus Phillips, the new Dutch Minister to the United States, will arrive in Washington next Tuesday. Chevalier W. L. F. C. Van Rapard, the retiring minister, will remain here until his successor arrives. He will be the honor guest at a dinner at the Metropolitan Club to-morrow night.

The new minister will take up several matters under negotiation between this country and Holland, the more important of which relate to the exportation of foodstuffs to the Netherlands and the use of the United States government of Dutch merchant vessels.

War Prevents Charity Ball

The customary annual ball held each year at the Hotel Astor by the directors of the Home of the Daughters of Jacob will not be given in 1918. The war prompted Albert Kruger, president of the home, to abandon the affair. The directors, in order that the 204 inmates of the home will not suffer, have contributed themselves the amount of money ordinarily derived from the ball. They have given \$10,000.

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Scheme Calls for Authority to Issue \$4,000,000,000 in Bonds

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The bill is purely a war measure, designed to conserve the supply of labor and materials for the purpose of war and to help supply the war's financial requirements and to give them a first claim on capital seeking investment, in the manner that the war's material requirements have been given first claim on production.

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## Canada Creates War Trade Board

It Will Cooperate With United States Authorities to Secure Unity of Action

OTTAWA, Ont., Feb. 8.—The government announced to-day the creation for Canada of a War Trade Board to cooperate with the corresponding authorities in the United States to secure the most effective unity of action by the two countries for war trade purposes.

The Canadian board will have direct

tion of licenses for export and import and will undertake the necessary supervision of all industrial and commercial enterprises to prevent waste of labor, raw materials and products. The board will work in cooperation with the Canadian War Mission at Washington.

Sir George E. Foster, Minister of Trade and Commerce, will be chairman of the board. The other members will be Frank P. Jones, Montreal; John W. McConnell, Montreal; James H. Gundy, Toronto; Charles B. McNaught, Toronto; and Joseph Gibbons, Toronto, the last being legal representative.

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## N. Y. Boy Believed Killed at Cambrai Is German Captive

Mother Gets Letter From Charles Geoghegan, of Engineer Regiment

## Red Cross Found Him

Telegram Announces "Missing" American Is Unwounded at Lemberg

After believing that her son, Charles, died last November at Cambrai, Mrs. Michael Geoghegan, of 511 West 185th Street, received a post card from him yesterday mailed from a German prison camp. This is the first message that has come out of Germany from an American soldier.

Mrs. Geoghegan is the mother of eleven children, nine of which were boys. Six boys and one girl are living. Beginning with Michael, thirty-five and married, they range in years to Mary, seventeen. George, twenty-eight, has been drafted.

Charles, who is twenty-three, enlisted when the United States declared war as a private in Company B, 11th Engineers (Railway). His brother Harry had already been in France fighting with the Canadians. Mrs. Geoghegan received four letters from Charles, telling of life on the Western front, from May to November. Then came the battle of Cambrai. Seven of the 6,000 men captured were Americans and he reported as "missing" after the Germans were driven back. Since then Charles's father and mother have despaired of ever seeing him alive again.

"As if he were given back to us from the grave," said Mrs. Geoghegan.

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